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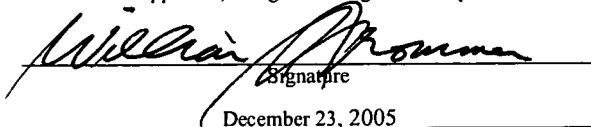
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The below-named attorney of record, authorized to act on the behalf of the assignee of record, hereby disclaims the terminal part of the entire patent granted on the above-identified application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of United States Patent No. 6,256,391, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as


the legal title to U.S. Patent No. 6,256,391. This agreement is to run with any patent granted on said application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns. 100% of the title to the present application is in Sony Corporation, a corporation of Japan, by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the parent patent, from which the present application is a continuation. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection with parent patent application 6,256,391 on November 20, 1998 at Reel 9600, Frame 0630.

The evidentiary documents accompanying or referred to in this Terminal Disclaimer have been reviewed by the undersigned and it is certified that to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee seeking to take action.

The below-named attorney of record does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application prior to the expiration date of the full statutory term of United States Patent No. 6,256,391, in the event that: said patent 6,256,391 later expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee; is held unenforceable; is found invalid; is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. 1.321(a); has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate; or is otherwise terminated prior to expiration of its statutory term, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

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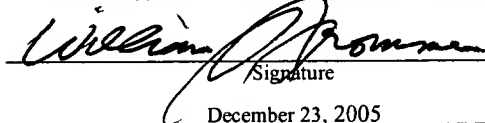
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Sir:

The undersigned attorney of record, empowered to sign this Statement on behalf of the assignee, states that Sony Corporation, a corporation of Japan, is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from

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The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

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